

Beaufort County

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average



Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

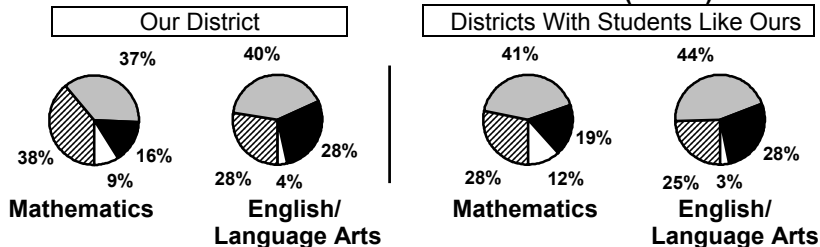
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



Advanced
 Proficient
 Basic
 Below Basic

DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2002		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Students Scoring Basic or Above on The PACT		
	N	%	N	%	N	% ELA	% Math
All students	904	87.6%	796	21.1%	7,070	72.5%	61.1%
Students with disabilities other than speech	41	73.2%	48	2.1%	592	44.4%	34.8%
Students without disabilities	861	87.9%	748	22.3%	6,381	76.2%	64.5%
Gender							
Male	397	85.4%	346	20.2%	3,562	68.3%	60.5%
Female	503	88.9%	450	21.8%	3,508	76.8%	61.8%
Ethnic Group							
African American	417	79.6%	368	6.5%	3,150	59.3%	45.2%
Hispanic	24	83.3%	24	4.2%	445	56.9%	44.9%
White	444	95.0%	395	35.4%	3,401	86.7%	78.0%
Other	8	87.5%	9	33.3%	74	77.0%	62.2%
Lunch Status							
Free/reduced-price lunch	326	81.9%	238	8.4%	3,371	63.2%	49.5%
Pay for lunch	551	90.6%	558	26.5%	3,450	85.5%	76.2%

N equals number of students on which percentages are calculated.

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

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TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	2000	2001	2002
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	55.4%	65.2%	56.1%
Passed 2 subtests	21.5%	17.9%	17.4%
Passed 1 subtest	12.4%	10.1%	13.4%
Passed no subtest	10.7%	6.9%	13.0%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	69.3%	71.2%	69.5%
Passed 2 subtests	16.7%	16.6%	16.2%
Passed 1 subtest	9.0%	7.8%	8.9%
Passed no subtest	5.0%	4.4%	5.5%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions*

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	21.1	43.8	22.9
Districts Like Ours	20.2	55.3	20.9

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
District	489	485	482	483	971	968	17.6	18.6	18.8	19.4	18.1	19.7	18.2	19.0	18.3	19.3
State	486	488	488	493	974	981	18.8	18.8	19.3	19.1	19.5	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.2
Nation	506	504	514	516	1020	1020	20.5	20.2	20.7	20.6	21.3	21.1	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.8

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA

N/A – Not Applicable

N/C – Not Collected

N/R – Not Reported

I/S – Insufficient Sample

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$7,660	Up 17.6%	\$6,817	\$7,072
• Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 90.5%	90.0%	89.9%
• Student-teacher ratio	16.2 to 1	Up from 13.7 to 1	20.1 to 1	18.6 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Down from 2.2%	0.4%	0.4%
STUDENTS (n=16,391)				
• Advanced placement/ Int'l baccalaureate program:				
Participation Rate	26.4%	N/A	11.5%	9.3%
Exam Success Rate	54.1%	N/A	53.4%	52.7%
• Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.2%	96.2%	96.0%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	4.6%	Down from 5.0%	4.7%	7.1%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	3.8%	Down from 3.9%	4.1%	5.6%
• Retention rate	4.8%	Down from 5.9%	5.0%	5.6%
TEACHERS (n=1,228)				
• Professional development days per teacher	5.6 Days	Down from 6.3Days	5.0 Days	5.0 Days
• Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.7%	95.1%	95.0%
• Advanced Degrees	47.6%	Up from 46.9%	49.1%	46.6%
• Continuing contracts	76.5%	Up from 75.9%	84.1%	83.1%
• Out-of-field permits	0.9%	Down from 1.2%	2.5%	2.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	88.1%	Down from 90.2%	89.9%	88.6%
• Average salary	\$38,448	Down 0.9%	\$40,007	\$39,023

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Up from 1.8%	3.6%	3.1%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	52.1%	Up from 50.0%	54.0%	53.7%
• Superintendent's years in the district	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.3	3.0
• Parent conferences	98.6%	Down from 99.0%	96.8%	93.9%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	24	Up from 23	15	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	No change	0	0
• Portable classrooms	7.2%	Up from 4.9%	5.7%	6.6%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	95.1%	Down from 97.7%	97.2%	96.8%
• Average administrative salary	\$65,834	Up 3.4%	\$67,995	\$66,570
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	606	N/A	167	129
• Number of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	140	N/A	62	37
• Suspensions and expulsions	1.5%	N/A	1.6%	1.5%
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	16.6%	Down from 18.0%	14.5%	10.6%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	7.9%	Down from 8.3%	10.7%	10.7%

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Grades K-12

Enrollment: 16,391 Students

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Board Chair Earl Campbell 843-322-2356

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Annual District
Report Card

2002

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Tragedy and sad events mixed with joyful achievement for the Beaufort County School District in 2001-2002. From it all, we learned more about ourselves, our similarities, our differences, and how we must all pull together or surely pull apart.

Like the rest of the nation, we began our school year under the cloud of September 11. We rallied together, held prayer vigils, and kept in our thoughts our local Marines and sailors who quickly joined the fight in Afghanistan.

We suffered locally, as well, with the beating of a young boy in a middle school bathroom, and the arrest of one of our teachers on charges of molesting students.

Beneath those clouds, however, our students and staff continued to push for greater achievement, deeper learning and broader understanding.

Consider our highlights: SAT scores jumped. PACT scores rose. Our number of Duke TIP Scholars climbed. We had 28 Beaufort County School District teachers earn their National Board Certification. Our Board of Education took a major step in efficiency by adopting a corporate model of governance. The Beaufort High Girls Track team won the state championship. The H. E. McCracken Middle School Band took top statewide honors. Theatre productions at the high schools won rave reviews. Graduating seniors earned more than \$7 million in scholarships. There is much to praise.

The 2002-03 school year brings a promise to us all. It is a promise of a fresh start, of brighter days, of higher hopes. It is our goal as the education leaders of Beaufort County to make each promise possible. For that, we need our community's continued help and wisdom.

Earl Campbell
Chairman
Beaufort County Board of Education

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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